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A plague-type highly infectious disease has been prevalent in Sinuiju, Kanggye and Sukch'on (125-37, 39-24) (YD-2564) areas since early November. The disease begins like a common cold, then high fever accompanied by an offensive odor and yellow vomit, followed by sudden death. Once the individual is infected, death in 2 weeks is assumed certain; one person dies daily. Public health agencies are attempting to halt the spread but no definite action has been taken by the government.

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Comment. Cholera, yellow fever, and other diseases have been widespread among North Korean troops prior to November 1951, according to

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Because of heavy United Nations air strikes, important North Korean government offices are moving to Kanggye (126-36, 40-58) (BA-9837) area in early December. North Korean Army Headquarters is at Sungho-ri (125-58, 38-59) (YD-5719) but is expected to move to Kanggye soon.

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Comment. The same source reported that an infectious disease is prevalent in the Kanggye area.

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